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MENTAL WORKING GROUP (IGWG) ON A CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE
UN COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (TNCS)

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT ECOSOC MAY BE CONSIDERING
RESCHEDULING OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF IGWG OF UN COMMISSION
ON TNCS FROM ORIGINAL DATES OF AUGUST 7-18 TO SEPTEMBER 18-
29. U.S. DEL CAN INDICATE THESE NEW DATES WOULD BE INCON-
VENIENT TO U.S., AND WE EXPECT TO OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,
SINCE THEY WOULD CONFLICT WITH PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED OECD
MEETINGS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18-22 AT WHICH MANY OECD COUN-
TRIES ARE REPRESENTED BY THE SAME DELEGATE AS AT IGWG.

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2. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS THAT U.S. DEL KEEP IN MIND
CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED IN COHN/POOLE TELCON OF JULY 26.
PARTICULARLY, ANY DECISION TO RESCHEDULE THE IGWG SHOULD BE
CLEARLY AT INITIATIVE OF G-77, AND NOT BE SEEN AS A DELAY-
ING TACTIC OR SIGN OF RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING. U.S. DEL SHOULD MAKE

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CLEAR TO G-77 OUR INTEREST IN HOLDING THIS MEETING AT THE EARLIEST DATE IN ORDER TO KEEP TO THE WORK SCHEDULE OUTLINED AT THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON TNCS.

3. US DEL SHOULD COORDINATE SCHEDULING WITH OTHER OECD DELS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH CANADIAN DEL IN LIGHT OF THEIR CHAIRMANSHIP OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY CAUCUS IN NEW YORK. VANCE

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